

## **Governors Proclamation - Winter Preparedness Week 2022**

WHEREAS, on Feb. 14-16, 2021, between 6 and 12 inches of snow and strong winds created dangerous travel conditions and prompted most counties across Indiana to issue local travel advisories due to treacherous conditions; and

WHEREAS, on Valentine's Day 2015, blizzard-like, white-out conditions from high winds and snow squalls resulted in numerous, deadly vehicle pile-ups in Indiana; and

WHEREAS, on Jan. 26-28, 2009, Southern Indiana experienced a major ice storm shutting off power to tens of thousands of Hoosiers for weeks; and

WHEREAS, on Dec. 23, 2015 and Nov 17, 2013, Indiana experienced tornado outbreaks, reminding us tornadoes can occur any time of year; and

WHEREAS on Feb. 18-25, 2018, record rainfall between 5 and 9 inches created widespread, devastating flooding across the entire state with numerous rivers reaching major flood levels and several setting new records; and

WHEREAS, Indiana has experienced winter storms of such magnitude that federal assistance was required in 2014, 2011, 2009-2005, 2003, 2000, 1999-1998, 1995-1996, 1991 and 1978; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, American Red Cross, National Weather Service, other state partners, local officials and emergency personnel work to warn, care for and protect Hoosiers affected by the elements, clear the roads and restore any disruption of utility services caused by storms, however, this can often take hours and in some cases, days; and

WHEREAS, all Hoosiers are potentially at risk during winter, whether from accidents related to snow and ice, damage from floods, wind storms, or tornadoes, or exposure to cold or extended loss of power from an ice storm;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim November 6-12, 2022 as WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.